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Dear Senator Sasser:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is in response to your letter of September 7, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, G. David Odle, expresses concern that the Commission might limit or preclude exchange carriers from offering PCS.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules in GEN Docket No. 90-314. Our decision allocates 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS, and permits telephone companies without cellular interests to access up to 40 megahertz of this spectrum (the maximum authorized to any one licensee). Telephone companies with cellular interests will be restricted to 10 megahertz in a PCS service area in which they own twenty or more percent of the stock in a cellular company, if the cellular company serves 10 or more percent of the population of the PCS service area. Local exchange carriers are permitted to apply for PCS licenses on the same basis as other applicants, except insofar as they hold interests in cellular operations. In a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making in GEN Docket No. 93-253, the Commission proposed licensing preferences in 30 megahertz of spectrum for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's actions that address PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to promote diversity in the provision of PCS. I am attaching the press releases of GEN Docket No. 90-314 and PP Docket No. 93-253 that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

JIM SASSER
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September 7, 1993

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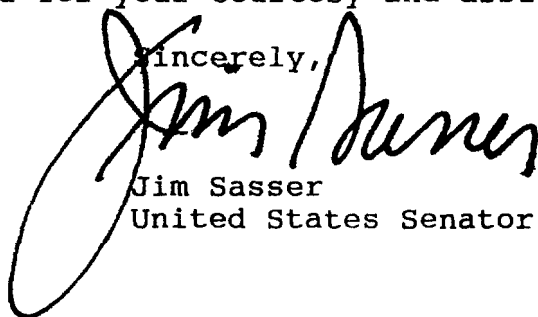
Dear Ms. Belvin:

I have received the enclosed correspondence from Mr. G. David Odle, District Manager of the Tennessee Telephone Company in Parsons, Tennessee, regarding his concern about the proposal to limit or preclude exchange carriers from offering PCS/PCN services.

I would appreciate your looking into the matters raised by Mr. Odle, being as helpful as possible to his concerns. I would further appreciate your providing me with a report.

Thank you for your courtesy and assistance.

Sincerely,



Jim Sasser
United States Senator

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August 27, 1993

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Dear Senator Sasser:

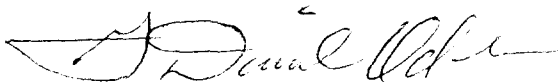
I was disturbed to hear that the Federal Communications Commission was considering limiting or precluding exchange carriers from offering PCS/PCN services.

I have written the FCC (copy attached for your information) stating my thoughts on this matter.

Please consider my views and provide any assistance that you can.

I appreciate your help in the past and I am,

Sincerely yours,



G. David Odle,
District Manager
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Attachment

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August 27, 1993

Mr. William Caton
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Dear Secretary Caton:

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering limiting or precluding exchange carriers from offering PCS/PCN services.

Being a rural exchange carrier, dedicated to universal service, with the technical expertise and local distribution network in place to rapidly deploy PCS, I think this limitation or exclusion is extremely unfair for us and our subscribers.


We, as exchange carriers, have demonstrated that we can work together in creating and administering a seamless network through business arrangements.

PCS would allow us to offer new radio based services to our customers, expanding and enhancing these services to rural and isolated areas, and providing them the greatest efficiency benefits from our existing and developing network infrastructure.

In this year's Budget Reconciliation Bill, the Congress mandated the FCC to ensure that small businesses and rural telephone companies be given the opportunity to participate in the provision of spectrum based services.

I urge the Commission to reconsider the exchange carrier limitations from PCS/PCN offerings.

Sincerely,



G. David Odle,
District Manager
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Senator Harlan Mathews
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